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Applicant: Gentry, et al

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
and  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment (hereinafter referred to as "Response & Amendment") is responsive to the Office Communication dated April 28, 2000 (Paper No. 5) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response & Amendment.

This Response & Amendment is believed timely filed with a one (1) month extension of time. Should this Response & Amendment not be considered timely filed with a one (1) month extension, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> If an Extension of Time, is deemed necessary, please consider this paper a Petition for such an Extension